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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of July 11, 2006, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on October 11, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection, in view of the herein-contained remarks.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.